

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5683–S5789

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2582–2594, S. Res. 334–335, and S. Con. Res. 12. **Page S5716**

Measures Passed:

United States Capitol Police Congressional Gold Medals: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3325, to award four congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5685–87**

Solidarity with Cuban Citizens: Senate agreed to S. Res. 310, expressing solidarity with Cuban citizens demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms, condemning the Cuban regime's acts of repression, and calling for the immediate release of arbitrarily detained Cuban citizens, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5699–S5701**

National Lobster Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 335, designating September 25, 2021, as "National Lobster Day". **Pages S5706–07**

Measures Considered:

Invest in America Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 294), Schumer (for Lummis) Amendment No. 2181 (to Amendment No. 2137), to require the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a highway cost allocation study. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S5683–85, S5687–90**

Carper (for Cruz/Warlick) Amendment No. 2300 (to Amendment No. 2137), to designate additional

high priority corridors on the National Highway System. **Pages S5694–99**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 297), Carper (for Van Hollen) Amendment No. 2354 (to Amendment No. 2137), to include a payment and performance security requirement for certain infrastructure financing. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S5706–07**

Rejected:

By 20 yeas to 78 nays (Vote No. 295), Lee Amendment No. 2255 (to Amendment No. 2137), in the nature of a substitute. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5687–90**

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 296), Carper (for Duckworth) Amendment No. 2140 (to Amendment No. 2137), to require recipients of all stations accessibility grants to adopt plans to pursue public transportation accessibility projects that provide accessibility for individuals with disabilities. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5690–99**

Pending:

Schumer (for Sinema) Amendment No. 2137, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5684**

Carper/Capito Amendment No. 2131 (to Amendment No. 2137), to strike a definition. **Page S5684**

Carper (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2245 (to Amendment No. 2137), to prohibit the cancellation of contracts for physical barriers and other border security measures for which funds already have been obligated and for which penalties will be incurred in the case of such cancellation and prohibiting the use of funds for payment of such penalties. **Pages S5704–06**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, Senate vote on or in relation to Carper (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2245 (to Amendment No. 2137) (listed above), with no amendments in order to the amendments prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendment, with 60-affirmative votes

required for adoption of the amendment, and two minutes for debate equally divided prior to the vote.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

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Appointments:

Commission on Social Impact Partnerships: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115–123, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate, appointed the following individual as a member of the Commission on Social Impact Partnerships: Carol B. Kellermann of New York.

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Lee Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eunice C. Lee, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Stacey A. Dixon, of the District of Columbia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—297)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:23 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. (For Senate's program,

see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5789.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Laura J. Richardson, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Southern Command, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 31 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Damon Y. Smith, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

OVERSIGHT OF REGULATORS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine regulators and our financial system, after receiving testimony from Todd M. Harper, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Jelena McWilliams, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine protecting consumers from financial fraud and scams in the pandemic recovery economy, after receiving testimony from Liz Coyle, Georgia Watch, Atlanta; and John Breyault, National Consumers League, and Rachel Greszler, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

TOXIC MARKETING CLAIMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine toxic marketing claims and their dangers, after receiving testimony from North Carolina Attorney General Joshua H. Stein, Raleigh; Robert K. Jackler, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California; Ariel Fox Johnson, Common Sense Media,